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Applicants:	Thomas H. Roessler et al.	Docket No.:	14,541
Serial No.:	09/216,545	Group No.:	3761
Confirmation No.:	9533	Examiner:	K. M. Reichle
Filed:	December 18, 1998	Date:	July 8, 2003
For:	PANT-LIKE DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLES WITH AN EASY OPENING FEATURE		

**Petition for One-Month Extension of Time**

Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

An Office Action which, on its face, granted a three (3) month period of time in which to respond thereto was mailed on April 4, 2003, with respect to the above-identified presently pending application. Accordingly, the shortened statutory period for response was set to end on July 4, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants hereby request a one (1) month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Thus, the period of response is to be extended until August 4, 2003.

Please charge the \$110.00 fee for this extension of time designated by 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1) to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875. This extension request is submitted in duplicate.

The undersigned may be reached at: 920-721-2433.

Respectfully submitted,

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